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***Briton who was Soviet spy
leaves hospital in Moscow***

Moscow (Reuter)—Donald Maclean, who as a British diplomat spied for the Soviet Union, said yesterday he had been released from a Moscow hospital following treatment for an ailment and was now in better health.

"I'm quite all right now. It was nothing too serious and I'm getting ready to go back to work," Mr. Maclean, 69, told Reuter.

Earlier this month British newspapers reported that he was suffering from cancer and pneumonia and one even said he was dead.

Mr. Maclean refused to give details of his illness, which kept him in a clinic for several weeks, but said it was a "fairly normal problem" for people of his age.

The former career diplomat fled to the Soviet Union in 1951 with fellow spy Guy Burgess, now dead.

Mr. Maclean is believed to have passed on important foreign-policy secrets to Moscow over a period of 15 years.